

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the)
application of: Neil Bernard McLaughlin et al.)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant is filing this Preliminary Amendment according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 before substantive review has occurred. This Preliminary Amendment is permissible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.